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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member will put his proposal in writing, I will have it considered."

Payment of advance compensation to small estate holders.

* 91 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have completely paid the advance compensation to all small estate holders whose estates have been taken over by the Government in the first batch? 11-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is presumed that by the term 'small estate holders', the Member means the holders of inam estates. The amounts of advance compensation payable in respect of the inam estates taken over in the first batch on 1st October 1951, were deposited in the offices of the respective Estates Abolition Tribunals before 31st March 1952. The Tribunal will pay the amounts to the persons entitled to them after determining the value of their respective interests in the estates."

SRI G. C. KONDAIAH :—" May I know when compensation will be paid for the second batch of estates taken over?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No exact time can be given now. But the question will be taken up in due course."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the question of postponement of payment of compensation to the zamindars by about 20 years so that the money thus saved might, in the meanwhile, be spent on rehabilitation work in the famine-affected areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know how many estate-holders have taken compensation from the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In the first batch, 3,391."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" May I know how many estates in Visakhapatnam district have been taken over by the Government and how many have been compensated for? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government take early steps to pay compensation to these displaced zamindars? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether, in view of the financial crisis the Government are

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complaining of, the Hon. the Minister for Revenue will consider more seriously the question of postponing payment of compensation to these zamindars? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" May I know how many acres of land have been allotted to each estate-holder for his own cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Notice."

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know the total amount deposited with the various tribunals in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A sum of Rs. 4,47,53,010 has been deposited with the various tribunals up to 31st March 1952."

II.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1952-53—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND IX—HEADS OF STATES, MINISTERS AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday there was discussion for an hour on this Demand. The time allotted is four hours for this Demand and the Hon. the Chief Minister will reply at 3-30 p.m."

* SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, in having to speak about Heads of States and Ministers and Headquarters staff, I am aware that I have got to go along only a beaten track. I am also aware that we are, according to the Constitution, not allowed to vote except on a small sum of Rs. 25,000 which is placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor for making discretionary grants. The object of our speeches here is not that we should have an immediate and forthright reduction in this item of expenditure from the State Exchequer. But our feeling is that we are spending public money—we are wasting, I would call it—in such a way that it is not appreciated by the people to-day. We are living in an era of common men. This is an age of the poor. We are living under a democratic set-up. Ours is a Republican Government. Therefore we have now to begin straightway on republican methods, our financial transactions not being excluded. In this context, it therefore becomes relevant and also very important that we should turn our attention first to this aspect and see that we spend our money properly. It is here that I would humbly tell the House that even the highest placed officials and Heads of States in other countries do not draw such fabulous salaries as we give them here. Not even in China or in Russia which are countries admittedly bigger not only in population but also in area, do their Presidents draw bigger salaries than we give here. They are not smaller men than the Governor of any State in India. Therefore, Sir, it